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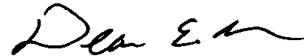
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Pursuant to the duty of candor and good faith required of each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a U.S. patent application, Applicants hereby disclose the references listed on the attached PTO Form SB08, copies of which are enclosed. Applicants request that these documents be considered and made of record in this application.

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